

BELIEVES IN HER INNOCENCE.

Rev. Levi Powers is Morally Certain, So He Says, That

Mrs. Hull Did Not Kill Burdick.

Says, Also, That the Conduct of the Late Attorney Pennell Who Ruined Reputation of Burdick's Wife Does Not Merit Silence. Case Continued This Afternoon.

Buffalo, N. Y., March 16.—It was decided this morning not to open the Burdick inquest until 2 o'clock this afternoon. Rev. Levi Powers, pastor of Mrs. Hull, has written the public letter in defense of Mrs. Hull. He says it seems improbable that the real facts in the Burdick mystery will ever be brought to light. He says he is morally certain Mrs. Hull had nothing to do with the murder. He concluded by saying he was very sorry one person with sufficient motive, was dead. Mr. Pennell, he said, "is dead. His conduct in life and death does not merit silence. Burdick claimed Pennell robbed him of his wife and ruined her reputation and now Pennell has left the suspicion of murder on the mother of the woman Burdick alleged Pennell wronged."

MISS BURDICK

Will Be Asked To Tell Some of the Family History.

Buffalo, Mar. 16.—It is almost certain that Mrs. Hull will be recalled in the Burdick inquest. Miss Marion Burdick, the murdered man's eldest daughter, will also be called to tell what she knows of the sundered family relations.

ONE IS DEAD; TWO WILL DIE

As the Result of a Terrific Boiler Explosion in Toledo Today.

Three Men were Starting the Fires at the Toledo Rolling Mills When the Disaster Occurred. Cause Unknown.

Toledo, O., March 16.—While the boiler, watchman and water tender were starting the fires for the week at the Toledo Rolling Mills this morning, the boiler exploded. J. E. Thompson, aged 35 years, married, water tender, was instantly killed and engineer Malvern Undergarff, and watchman Henry F. Fust, were both fatally injured. The boiler house was demolished. Undergarff and Fust are burned from head to foot by escaping steam and Fust has several broken bones. None of the other employees were present when the accident occurred and the cause is unknown.

MORE VICTIMS OF EXPLOSIONS.

Three Men Lose Their Lives in a Mine Disaster in Illinois.

Two Explosions Occurred at a Mine in Cardiff, the Second One at 5 O'clock This Morning, Proving Fatal.

Springfield, Ill., March 16.—Another disaster, attended with loss of life, has occurred in a mine at Cardiff, Livingston county where three men lost their lives last week. Three more victims have been added to that list by the latest explosions. Two explosions occurred in the mine, one at 6 p. m. Sunday and the second at 5 o'clock this morning. The last explosion killed three men and blew the tower to pieces.

Live Stock Market.

East Liberty, Mar. 16.—Cattle fair, live; hogs active, 10 to 15 cents lower; sheep light, 10 to 20 higher, active.

Chicago Stock Market.

Chicago, Ill., Mar. 16.—Cattle 26,000 active; hogs 25,000, active, 5 and 10 cents decline; sheep 20,000, strong to 10 cents higher.

GEN. MILES

To be the Guest of Honor on Evacuation Day.

Boston, Mass., March 16.—General Nelson A. Miles is on his way to Boston and tomorrow he will be the guest of honor at the annual celebration of Evacuation Day. Plans for the observance have been completed on an elaborate scale and it promises to eclipse all the similar celebrations of previous years.

AMBASSADOR

To Receive Honorary Degree Doctor of Laws.

Chicago, Ill., March 16.—President William R. Harper of the University of Chicago has returned from his brief southern trip in order to present at the winter convocation of the university tomorrow, M. Jean Jules Jusserand, the French ambassador at Washington, has likewise come to Chicago and will receive the honorary degree of doctor of laws at the convention. The honor is the same as was conferred by the university on his predecessor, M. Cambon.

AUTO SHOW

Opened in Boston Amid Great Enthusiasm.

Boston, Mass., March 16.—Though not so large in the number of exhibits as the New York and Chicago exhibitions held recently, the Boston automobile show in Symphony hall this week is none the less interesting to lovers of the motor vehicle and those engaged in its manufacture. The exhibition has attracted entries from all the leading manufacturers in the country and all the machines displayed are the latest models. Some of these were completed too late for exhibition at the New York and Chicago shows and are now displayed to the public for the first time. One of these is a big gasoline touring car and another is the first electric trolley to be shown in this country, the latter resembling in a general way the great machines of France and Germany.

EQUAL RECORDS.

Chicago, March 16.—For the fourth successive time, the Democrats of Chicago this afternoon nominated Carter H. Harrison as its mayoralty candidate. The present mayor's record now equals that of his famous father who was nominated four successive times.

Grain and Pork.

Chicago, March 16.—Closing May wheat 73½; corn 45½; oats 34½; pork 17.87.

DESIRE FAIR PLAY

Milwaukee, Wis., March 16.—Protection against unscrupulous agents is the principal topic of discussion at the annual convention which opened at the St. Charles hotel today of the Wisconsin State Laundry association. The laundrymen regard the agent who charges exorbitant commissions and otherwise declines to play fair as a menace to the prosperity of the business and by drawing up an iron-clad protective agreement they hope to be able to down the evil. Other matters affecting their interests will also receive attention at the convention, which will be in session two days, and plans will be made out for entertaining the annual convention of the national Laundrymen's association to be held in this city next fall. Frank F. Gillen of Oshkosh is the presiding officer at the present convention and M. C. Ewing of Wausau the secretary-treasurer.

GREATEST

Iron Ore Deposits in the West Found.

Tests are Said to be Equal to the Best Magnetic Iron in Sweden.

Seattle, Wash., March 16.—What are stated to be the greatest deposits of iron ore in the west have been found on Prince of Wales Island, southeastern Alaska. Tests conducted by experts of the United States geological survey show the deposit, it is said, to be equal to the best magnetic iron found in Sweden. The discovery will enable the steel mills which are to be erected in this section in the near future to obtain an unlimited supply on Prince of Wales Island, thereby avoiding the necessity of paying duty on ore which has been proposed to import from British Columbia.

CELEBRATED

Iroquois Club Banquet to be Held Tonight.

Chicago, Ill., March 16.—Final preparations have been completed for the twenty-second annual banquet of the Iroquois club at the Auditorium hotel tonight. The list of invited guests embraces many prominent Democrats, particularly the element known as the "young blood" of the party. The club's action in inviting these younger leaders to address the banquet in preference to the old wheel-horses of the party, such as Bryan, Cleveland, Hill and others, is regarded in political circles as of considerable significance in view of the approaching presidential campaign.

The principal names on the list of speakers are those of Edward M. Shepard, of New York, United States Senator Joseph W. Bailey, of Texas, former United States Attorney General Judson Harmon, of Cincinnati, Congressman De Armond, of Missouri, and Mayor Carter H. Harrison, of Chicago. In addition to these speakers the guests at the banquet are to include governors, senators, representatives and others from a number of states.

JUDGE DAY

Shows Signs of Improvement His Doctor Says.

Washington, March 16.—Associate Justice Day of the supreme court, who is ill at the Arlington hotel with pneumonia, is improving. At 10 o'clock this morning Dr. Hardin, the attending physician said: "Justice Day had a good night and his condition is quite encouraging this morning."

WANT IT KILLED.

Railroad Interests Desire the Death of the Panama Canal Treaty.

Gould-Harriman Syndicate Bringing Their Greatest Influences to Bear in the Lobbies of the Senate in Order to Further Their Schemes.

Washington, Mar. 16.—The railroad interests are doing their utmost to defeat the Panama canal treaty. In fact they are openly bragging that it will not be ratified when it comes to a vote tomorrow. They claim that enough Democratic votes have been secured by them, added to six or eight Republican votes from the Central and Pacific coast states, to kill the treaty. The anti-canal lobby here is said to be in the employ of the Southern Pacific and Union Pacific railroads, and is working in the Gould-Harriman interests. Their advocacy of the San Blas tunnel route for the canal, across the Isthmus, is merely a blind to cloak their opposition to any canal whatever, their engineers having declared that the San Blas ship tunnel is impossible from a practical standpoint. They have been working earnestly, first to amend the treaty as to make its acceptance by the Colombian congress impossible and second to obtain 51 votes against the ratification of the treaty, will fail.

WATERS MUST BREAK OVER.

Levees are Not High Enough to Hold Back Rising Torrents.

One Levee Has Already Broken

Inundating One Hundred Square Miles and Causing the First Great Damage Since the Advent of the Threatening Flood.

MEMPHIS, TENN., MARCH 16.—THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER IS RISING NOW AT AN APPALLING RATE. THE STORY TOLD BY THE GAUGE THIS MORNING WAS A RISE OF SIX-TENTHS OF A FOOT SINCE 7 O'CLOCK LAST NIGHT, 1.2 FOOT DURING THE PAST 24 HOURS, AND 2.4 SINCE SATURDAY MORNING. THE GAUGE NOW READS 39.1. THIS IS 18 FEET OVER THE HIGHEST WATER MARK ON RECORD. THE WATER WILL CERTAINLY GO HIGHER THAN THE LEVEES AND DESTROY THEIR EFFECTIVENESS.

LEVEE BREAKS

Causing One Hundred Square Miles to be Flooded.

NEW ORLEANS, MARCH 16.—THE

SOME HOPE

Given by the Fact that there Has Been no Recent Rise.

NEW ORLEANS, MARCH 16.—THE RIVER GAUGE AT NOON READ 19.2 FEET. THERE HAS BEEN NO RISE AT ALL SINCE SATURDAY MORNING. NO BREAKS HAVE BEEN REPORTED SINCE THIS MORNING.

DEMOCRATS ARE WILLING

To Unitedly Support the Two Amendments to Panama Canal Treaty.

More Than Half of Them Will Vote for the Ratification of the Treaty Even if the Amendments are Turned Down and This Assures Its Success.

Washington, March 16.—The Democratic caucus this morning decided to unitedly support the two amendments to the Panama canal treaty. One is to insure police control by the United States, of the canal strip and the other is to include Mexico with the republics of Central and South America in the declaration contained in the treaty that the United States does not desire to acquire part of their territory. No attempt was made to bind the Democrats as to their votes on the ratification and each individual will pursue his own course. More than half of them, it was made evident at the caucus, will vote for the treaty, even after all amendments are voted down, and this will insure the ratification of the treaty tomorrow.

STANDARD'S BIG DIVIDEND.

Payment of \$20 a Share was Distributed Today to the Stockholders.

New York, March 16.—Holders of stock in the Standard Oil company were made richer today by the payment of a dividend of \$20 a share on the capital stock of \$100,000,000. The disbursement is an increase of \$10 a share over the amount of the last November dividend, but is the same amount as was declared in February, 1902, 1901 and 1900. The total dividends paid on Standard Oil shares in previous years have been as follows: In 1902, 43 per cent.; 1900, 48 per cent.; 1899, 45 per cent.; 1898, 30 per cent.; 1897, 33 per cent.; from 1891 to 1895 inclusive, 12 per cent. yearly. Judging from the amount of the first quarterly dividend it is believed in financial circles that the total disbursement for this year will be fully equal to if not in excess of the best dividends of former years.

COMBINED RECEIPTS

Was Much Higher During the Month of January This Year

Than in the Same Period in the Two Preceding Years. Significant Figures Concerning Internal Traffic Operations.

The January Summary of Internal Commerce, issued by the Treasury Bureau of Statistics, throws some light on the question of whether the level of national prosperity shows any tendency to recede, when judged from the standpoint of traffic operations for the first month of three succeeding years.

The live stock movement at the five most prominent markets of the West, may be taken as an index of the conditions in that section of the country. For January 1903, a total of 2,724,408 head of cattle, calves, hogs and sheep was reported, in contrast with 2,947,437 head for January, 1902, and 2,789,209 head for January 1901. A continuous increase has occurred in these three years in the case of the receipts of cattle, calves and sheep, but a very marked falling off in the case of hogs. At Chicago, Kansas City, Omaha, St. Louis and St. Joseph, the combined receipts of cattle in the first month of this year were 631,122 head, compared with 585,611 head in January 1902 and 552,316 head in January 1901. Receipts of calves were respectively 22,834 head, 17,500 head and 12,432 head, not including receipts at Omaha and St. Joseph. January receipts of sheep were in 1903 500,411 head, 529,090 head. Receipts of hogs in January 1903 were 1,468,952 head, the much lighter figures of 1,141,329 head for January 1902, and 1,710,354 head for January 1901 show how much of a decline has occurred in this feature of the live stock trade. Nevertheless the traffic receipts for January for 3 successive years beginning with 1901, have lost but little, the number of cars arriving being respectively 52,631 cars, 52,829 cars, and 52,809 cars.

The feeder movement including stock driven to the country, for the corresponding period shows an opposite tendency, so far as Kansas City and St. Joseph are concerned. The combined feeder movement of these two markets in January 1903, included 66,482 head, compared with 50,181 head in January 1902 and 65,196 head in 1901.

A comparison of the wheat receipts at eight winter wheat and spring wheat markets for three seasons to the end of January shows that this year the receipts were considerably in excess of either of the two preceding seasons, the total being 149,661,368 bushels, compared with 174,483,763 bushels to the end of January 1902, and 153,041,292 bushels to the end of January 1901. Trunkline shipments of grain of all kinds from Chicago for the first five weeks of 1903 amounted to 13,337,000 bushels compared with 11,673,000 bushels in 1902 and 12,191,000 bushels in 1901. The previous shipments from Chicago are this year notably in excess of the two preceding years.

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What Hood's Sarsaparilla did for Mrs. L. D. Garland, Shady, Tenn., it has done for others. She took it when she was all run down—without a penny's worth of food, and unable to do her work. It restored her appetite, increased her weight, and made her well and strong. This is her own unsolicited statement.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

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The first five weeks of 1903, there were shipped 133,335 tons, compared with 127,918 tons for the corresponding period of 1902, and 104,815 tons for the same weeks of 1901. The export four movement from Minneapolis for five weeks ending with January, amounted to 47,000 barrels, compared with 22,173 barrels for the corresponding period in 1902, and 317,305 barrels in 1901. The total shipments from this point, however, have not been quite equal to those of the corresponding period in 1902, though large in excess of those of 1901.

Traffic on the Great Lakes during January of this year has been somewhat lighter than for either of the two preceding years. Winter lake movements of freights are chiefly trans lake in their character, and belong principally to Lake Michigan. The total receipts reported from all transactions in January were 179,019 net tons, compared with 193,017 tons in January 1902, and 200,450 tons in January 1901. A feature of special interest in the lake trade is the increased quantity of shipments of grain from Canadian ports. During 1902, a grand total of 36,179,441 bushels of grain were shipped from Ft. Williams and Port Arthur, Ont., compared with 13,475,813 bushels in 1901. Out of a total of 35,525,798 bushels of wheat, 22,051,144 bushels were consigned to Canadian ports and 13,474,654 bushels to United States ports.

Reports from 163 fueling and steamship companies show a total of 2,639,252 net tons of coal put on board vessels for their own steaming purposes during 1902, all except 488 tons of which were soft coal. The quantity reported for the year 1901 was 1,764,864 net tons. Coal shipments combined with fuel consumption by vessels amounted to 10,855,971 tons in 1902, in comparison with 11,052,415 tons in 1901. If to these totals be added the quantity exported through lake ports (which was 4,648,569 tons in 1902 and 4,815,605 tons in 1901) the grand total of the coal trade on the lakes would be 15,504,540 tons for 1902 and 15,868,022 tons for 1901.

Receipts of grain and flour at the Atlantic seaboard for the first month of 1903 are, as a rule, much in advance of those of January 1902. For the four ports of Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore, January arrivals from the interior were 22,217,827 bushels, including flour reduced to bushels, compared with 18,432,409 bushels in January 1902, making a gain of 3,785,418 bushels or 17 per cent.

Coastwise commerce at the Atlantic and Gulf ports for twelve months ending with December 1902, shows that the four ports of New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Newport News shipped 16,210,318 tons of coal to coastwise destinations. Of this quantity, 10,224,834 tons were reported from Philadelphia, 1,923,671 tons from Baltimore, and 1,290,583 tons from Newport News. These figures comprise about 75 per cent of the coal handled in coastwise traffic. Coal receipts at Boston for January 1903 amounted to 594,328 tons of which 322,558 tons were foreign coal by sea, and 271,770 tons domestic coal, nearly all by water. In January 1902, the grand total of receipts was 570,563 tons, of which only 51,302 tons were foreign by sea and 519,262 tons domestic coal.

In the Southern States, a total of 2,256,063 bales of cotton are reported as constituting the available supply up to January 31 of this year. Of this amount, 8,040,989 bales were receipts in sight for the season; of which latter figure 5,921,685 bales were received at ports; 736,256 bales entered into the net overland shipments, and 1,008,000 bales were taken by Southern mills. Receipts of grain, including flour, at New Orleans for the 12 months ending with December 1902, were 25,044,926 bushels, compared with 24,012,731 bushels in 1901. Citrus fruit shipments from California to January for the first 13 weeks of the season beginning with November 1, give 4,442 cars as having entered into this traffic to January 28, 1903, 4,822 cars to January 1902 and 5,127 cars in 1901.

On the Monongahela river the movement of freight passing lock No. 3 down stream, and lock No. 1 up stream, gives a total of 912,793 net tons in January 1903, as against 707,571 net tons in 1902. At Louisville, Ky., a grand total traffic of \$9,282,000 passed the river in January 1903, and \$10,783,000 in 1902.

MANIA

Ran to the Administration of Poisons.

Death of Mr. Finity, of Wapak, and Several Others, Traced to an Insane Wife.

Mrs. Caroline Finity, whose husband died suddenly last Wednesday under very suspicious circumstances, was today adjudged insane and taken at once to the Toledo state hospital by Sheriff Meehling, says a dispatch from Wapakoneta. This is her second incarceration in the asylum. She admitted that she gave morphine powders to her husband, thinking she could save him. The physicians testified that she is a dangerous person and that she has been making foolish demands for poisonous drugs to give to people to put them to sleep. While not exactly morally irresponsible, she has lost nearly all powers of reflection and seems to have no regard for the life of any one. She has been a hard drinker and her life, and her condition is ascribed to heredity and the use of alcohol and narcotics.

There have been four sudden deaths in the Finity family, all attributed to her husband, and it is the general opinion that a rigid investigation would result in startling disclosures. In each case Mrs. Finity was the gainer financially.

The chemical analysis of the stomach of the deceased showed large quantities of morphine. The coroner's inquest report found that Daniel Finity died from the effects of morphine administered by his wife.

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WADE

Still an Object of Attention at the Pen.

At Wade, who was sentenced to be electrocuted June 27, for the killing of Kate Sullivan near Toledo, O. Several years ago, says the Columbus Press, received a letter Saturday morning from his brother Charley, of Dayton, stating that his mother was heart-broken over the fate which had befallen her son. Wade said the Press Saturday morning, that his mother was not in a position to give him any assistance for a new trial. "My mother is aged," said he.

Shipments of petroleum from the Beaumont field in January amounted to 6,640 cars containing 1,111,863 barrels. Since shipments began in 1901, to the end of January 1903, a total of 83,461 cars have been shipped, containing 12,895,627 barrels of 42 gallons each.

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"and has property valued at \$1,000, but I would rather suffer the death penalty than that she should spend the money she needs for living to save my life. I have not a friend in the world besides my family," said Wade, "and if I had some one with means, I could easily convince the public that I am an innocent man. I have violated the laws of my country and the laws of God, and taken my punishment, but it is not right that I should be punished for a crime I never committed."

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boy was Seriously Injured

n South Lima

aj. Cole Spoke at the Grace Church.

vo Divinity Students Will be Ordained by Rev. G. H. Sims Sunday.

Party of Allen County Men Will Leave Soon for Oregon Where They Will Enter Homesteads.

Shook, a young boy who resided with his parents in the Keller block at the southwest corner of the are, was badly injured today at on by being thrown from a horse while riding. The animal became frightened near the public square and down south Main street at a terrace. Near the corner of Main and Kim streets the lad fell off rearing a number of painful cuts and lacerations. He was taken into the usher building, where he was treated until the arrival of his father, who removed him to their home, where he was attended by a physician.

At Grace Church.
 The M. E. church was filled to overflowing last night by an audience to hear Major Cole of Chicago, eminent evangelist who will continue revival services in this city. Major Cole spoke briefly outlining the work proposed to be accomplished by the union evangelistic association. Next Sunday a great mass meeting in the interest of the Sunday school will be held at Grace church. A party of state workers who are on a tour of Ohio will be here to inspect a portion of the program.

Congregational Meeting.
 The annual congregational meeting of the Main street Presbyterian church will be held next Thursday evening. There will be many matters of importance to dispose of all members are requested to attend.

Saint Patrick's Day.
 At John's auditorium tomorrow evening Saint Patrick's day will be appropriately observed. The first part of the program will be a literary entertainment by the school children, after which the oratorical features will be rendered. Addresses will be rendered by Rev. Frederick Rupert, attorney here, and D. Williamson and C. M. Dugan.

Shot the Well.
 An oil well was shot upon the Mutz and Shappel property on Fourth street this morning. The well presents indications of being a good producer. Quite a number of operators witnessed the bringing in of the well.

Going to Oregon.
 J. E. Vore, who was formerly engaged in business in this city, but who now resides north of town, was here today and informed friends that he will leave next Monday for Portland, Oregon, near which place he will enter a homestead. The tract of land is quite valuable as there is much pine timber on it. Mr. Vore will be accompanied by three of his neighbors, J. H. Overturf, George Stern and Ethan Roberts. They will remain in Oregon about six months.

Returned Home.
 John Hentz returned home Saturday night from Illinois, where he has been employed the past few weeks. Saturday it was reported here that he had been accidentally killed where he was employed but such was not the case, though he was quite severely injured.

An Indefinite Call.
 Rev. George H. Sims, pastor of the south Lima Church of Christ, has received from his congregation an indefinite call to the pastorate of his church. This is a complimentary recognition of his services which are highly appreciated by the church membership.

During his ministry he has reduced the church indebtedness at the rate of one hundred dollars a month. In a short time the entire obligation will be liquidated.

Through his efforts the Sunday school has been reorganized and increased in membership until yesterday there was an enrollment of four hundred scholars.

The revival services which Rev. Sims has been conducting the past few weeks will continue all this week. Nearly one hundred accessions have been made to the church during the revival. Next Thursday evening Mr. Wright, a missionary evangelist will speak at the south Lima Church of Christ upon the subject of Home Missions to the Front. During the services next Sunday Rev. Sims will ordain for the ministry J. E. Verner, formerly of this city but now in charge of the Church of Christ at Indianapolis and J. F. Allen of this city who is now conducting evangelistic services at Payne.

Meetings Postponed.
 Owing to the union revival which



"Get Up Steam"
 Increase your ENERGY, VIGOR, STRENGTH, with Wright's Celery Tea

It promotes health, creates appetite, helps digestion, renews vigor.

WRIGHT MEDICAL CO., Columbus, Ohio.

will be held in this city, the special meetings which were to have been conducted at the Pine street Baptist church have been postponed.

Season Open.
 A number of local sportsmen are preparing to take advantage of the duck season which is now in effect. The season virtually opened yesterday but as no shooting of ducks is allowed on Mondays the hunters will not be at complete liberty to go gunning in earnest until tomorrow.

Sunday School Convention.
 A number from here will attend the Sunday school convention that will convene at Vaughnsville next Sunday. The state tour party will attend. The program will consist of addresses, conferences, round table sessions, discussions, bible studies and a musical program.

Personal Paragraphs.
 Paul Lefter of Spencerville spent yesterday with Martin Lefter on St. Johns avenue.

Mrs. T. I. Black who has been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Ruthell Laughlin of St. Johns avenue, returned last night to her home at Ada. Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Vore are the happy parents of a baby girl whose advent occurred Saturday evening.

Miss Lucile Lloyd of Ada was entertained by friends in this city yesterday.

E. A. Moore and wife of south Union street have returned from Bluffton where they visited relatives the past few weeks.

T. A. Tobias of Ada mingled with Lima friends yesterday.

Edward Post of Urbana is the guest of friends in this locality.

Mr. A. J. Wheelbarger of Oak street is hostess to Mrs. Obenour of north Washington.

Mrs. Mae McCollin, principal of the schools of oratory at the Ohio Normal University at Ada, has returned home after a brief visit with friends in this city.

H. A. White who has been employed in Pittsburgh, Pa. for some time past

NEWEST SPRING DRESS FABRICS.

A splendid exposition; one that will arouse the liveliest enthusiasm of every woman who beholds this masterful assembly of matchless dress fabrics for spring and summer. Viewed critically, and from every point, this is unquestionably the most important and comprehensive showing of dress textiles ever exploited in Lima. Everything new in the realm of dress goods is shown.

When you see these fabrics—the entire lot—you will observe how 1903 leads over other years and how this store leads others in showing the very newest creations at all times. There is more dash and charm, more racy novelty about the new fabrics than was ever seen in previous years.

Black Dress Goods.

40-inch heavy black Coaching Serge, 50c the yard.
 38-inch fine quality black Voile, 50c the yard.
 28-inch extra fine quality Brilliantine, 50c the yard.
 40-inch fine quality black lace stripe Brilliantine, remarkable value at 50c the yard.
 45-inch very fine black wool Mistral, 75c the yard.
 60-inch splendid quality Queen Serge, rare value at 75c the yard.
 64-inch black Cheviot Serge, very fine finish, 75c the yard.
 Extra quality 38-inch Melrose, usual price \$1.00, our price 75c the yard.
 Exceptionally fine quality black Melrose, \$1.00 the yard.
 Handsome 46-inch black Voile, splendid value, \$1.00 the yard.
 38-inch fine quality silk wrap Sublime, \$1.00 the yard.
 Very fine 46-inch French Imperial Serge, \$1.00 the yard.

44-inch silk finish all wool Henrietta, \$1.00 the yard.
 34-inch heavy weight black Cheviot steam shrunk and sponged, \$1.00 the yard.
 Handsome 46-inch black Mistral Crepe, \$1.25 the yard.
 Beautiful 50-inch black London Frame, \$1.25 the yard.
 Very fine 46-inch black French Voile, \$1.25 the yard.
 38-inch fine black wool Grenadine with Mohair stripe, \$1.25 the yard.
 54-inch heavy steam shrunk Cheviot Suiting, \$1.50 the yard.
 40-inch very fine silk finish Peas de Crepe, \$1.25 the yard.
 45-inch handsome Mohair Crepe, \$2.50 the yard.

Colored Dress Goods.

New fancy Plaids for children's dresses, always neat, now particularly popular, 15c, 20c and 50c the yard.
 38-inch all wool Whip Cord, every new spring shade, 50c the yard.

36-inch fine wool Blamine Veil, in all the new shades, 50c the yard.
 38-inch fine wool Mistral, all colors, 50c the yard.
 38-inch fancy Mohair Brilliantine, dots, figures and mixtures, all desirable shades, 50c the yard.
 Handsome silk Stripe French Chalmes, in evening shades, 75c the yard.
 45-inch all wool Mistral, two fine qualities in all colors, 75c and \$1.00 the yard.
 All colors in handsome silk finish all wool Henrietta, 75c the yard.
 46-inch Whip Cord, excellent quality, colors and black, \$1.00 the yard.
 Fancy wool Crepe with fine Mohair dots, two beautiful shades of blue, \$1.00 the yard.
 Very fine 46-inch Mistral Crepe, colors and white, \$1.00 the yard.
 All desirable evening shades in Albatross, Henrietta, Crepe Voile and sublime, 50c, 75c \$1.00 and \$1.25 the yard.
 All colors in the well known very fine quality "100%" Broadcloth, the best of its kind for the money, \$1.50 the yard.

SPRING AND SUMMER SILKS.

You have come to know that when we speak enthusiastically on silk matters it is always conservatively. And how else could we refer to this year's silks than with enthusiasm. Year after year this silk store has been growing more and more into your favor and continually spreading out and demanding on its merits more notice from you. Often we have promised much in our announcements but have we ever failed?

Here they are in an almost endless variety of the popular and much wanted kinds. Comparatively few, however, find their way into print.

An almost endless variety of the popular and much wanted kinds.	24-inch fine quality India Silk, short lengths, in nearly every shade, regular price 50c, we are to discontinue this line and have made the price 30c the yard.	Extra quality 27-inch black Taffeta, 75c the yard.
Comparatively few, however, find their way into print.	Complete line of shades in extra fine quality Jap Silk, 27 inches wide, at 50c the yard.	Splendid yard wide black Taffeta, 90c the yard.
New fancy Wash Silks, colors and white, a very attractive line at 20c the yard.	New fancy figured Shantung Pongee, natural color, 75c the yard.	24-inch black Peas de Soie, \$1.00 the yard.
Very fine quality corded Jap Silks, white only, checks and stripes, 30c the yard.	Plain natural color Shantung Pongee, 27 inches wide, 75c the yard.	Extra quality 27-inch black Peas de Soie, \$1.25 the yard.
Very desirable shade in 19-inch pure silk Taffeta, a remarkable value at 30c the yard.	24-inch fine quality black Taffeta, wear guaranteed, 75c the yard.	Very fine 36-inch black Peas de Soie, \$1.75 the yard.
		Handsome fancy Black Silk Grenadine, all new patterns, splendid quality, 45 inches wide. More than forty styles at 60c, \$1.00, 1.25 and 1.50 the yard.

Sciatica is cured by Athlo-phoros

Get all Druggists. Send for Free Pamphlet to The Athlophoros Co., New Haven, Conn.



4280 Pairs

From May 1, 1902, to February 28, 1903 is the actual number of pairs of \$1.95 Ladies' Shoes we distributed. Our aim the next nine months is to double amount. We've started a record breaker this month. It looks most encouraging. Why not? We positively guarantee every pair to be \$2.50 shoes.

Still we don't lose money but we are recognized by manufacturers as making \$2.50 Shoes as users of jobbers quantities. We not only get jobbers prices but take their discounts. The styles this spring are beauties.

All sizes \$1.95 All Weights.

THE COLUMBIA

Value Every Time Black Block.



has returned to this city for an indefinite stay.
 Raymond Black of Ada, was a Lima visitor yesterday.
 Mrs. Philip Cooley who has been visiting Mrs. D. W. Rathbone, of west Kibby street, has returned to her home at La Rue.
 John Sloniker, of south Elizabeth street, left yesterday afternoon for Chicago, where he will transact business.

A Boy's Wild Ride For Life.
 With family around expecting him to die, and a son riding for life, 18 miles, to get Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds, W. H. Brown, of Leesville, Ind., endured death's agonies from asthma but this wonderful medicine gave him instant relief and soon cured him. He writes: "I now sleep soundly every night." Like marvelous cures of consumption, pneumonia, bronchitis, coughs, colds and grip have its matchless merit for all throat and lung troubles. Guaranteed bottles 50 cents and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at H. F. Vorthkamp's drug store.

CHAMPIONS

Leave This Evening for Training Quarters.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 16.—The departure of the Pittsburg ball team of the National League for the southern training ground is set for this evening and all of the players are on hand to take the trip. Hot Springs, Ark., has

been selected as the most suitable place for the team to get into condition for the pennant race. En route home from the Arkansas resort practice games will be played with Little Rock, St. Paul, Pine Bluff, St. Louis, Americans, Louisville, Indianapolis and Columbus.

SEVERE ATTACK OF GRIP

Cured by One Bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.
 "When I had an attack of the grip last winter (the second one) I actually cured myself with one bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy," says Frank W. Perry, Editor of the Enterprise, Shortsville, N. Y. "This is the honest truth. I at times kept from coughing myself to pieces by taking a teaspoonful of this remedy, and when the coughing spell would come on at night, I would take a dose and it seemed that in the briefest interval the cough would pass off and I would go to sleep perfectly free from cough and its accompanying pains. To say that the remedy acted as a most agreeable surprise is putting it very mildly. I had no idea that it would or could knock out the grip, simply because I had never tried it for such a purpose, but it did, and it seemed with the second attack of coughing the remedy caused it to not only be of less duration, but the pains were far less severe, and I had not used the contents of one bottle before Mr. Grip had bid me adieu." For sale by Wm. M. McViville, old post office corner. May 1

WHEN IN NEED

—OF—
DENTAL WORK
 Call on
E. F. BARRINGTON,
 The Reliable Dentist.



Best Set of teeth, vulcanite plate, \$8.00.
 22 K Gold Crowns \$4.00 up.
 Bridge Work \$4.00.
 Painless Extraction of teeth 50c.
 No charge for extraction when new teeth are ordered.

A positive guarantee with every piece of work.

Office Rooms Nos 1 and 2, Second Floor Metropolitan block.

AFTER LA GRIPPE—WHAT?

Usually a hacking cough and a general feeling of weakness, often leading to fatal results after the patient is supposed to have passed the danger point. Foley's Honey and Tar is guaranteed to cure the "grippe cough" and make you strong and well. It never fails to stop a cough if taken in time. Take no substitute. For sale by H. F. Vorthkamp, corner North and Main streets. to May 1

Big Reduction in Rates

—TO—
 California, Oregon, Washington, AND INTERMEDIATE POINTS.
 Tickets sold daily during February, March and April via

Lake Erie & Western R. R.

—ALSO—

Home Seekers' Round Trip and One Way Colonist Tickets

Will be on sale at very low rates to many points in the South and West on

March 3 and 17, April 7 and 21.

Address any ticket agent L. E. & W. R. R. Co. or

H. I. BARRING, Gen. Pass. Agent Indianapolis, Ind.

New Egyptian Massage Parlors.

Skin Diseases and Head Treatment a specialty. Positive guarantee to cure Dandruff and grow fine luxuriant hair. Shampooing, Massage, Hot and Cold treatments for Rheumatism, Neuralgia, etc. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Suite 44, Cincinnati Bldg., Lima, O.

SUNDAY RATES.

The Chicago and Erie railroad will sell round trip tickets at one fare rate on Sundays. Tickets good on Sunday only and for return on train 6 Monday morning.

WATCH YOUR DOOR KNOB!

THIS STORE WILL LEAVE A KEY HUNG TO IT.

This key will be but a bit of pasteboard. Use it wisely and it may bring you a

NEW CARPET FREE of COST.

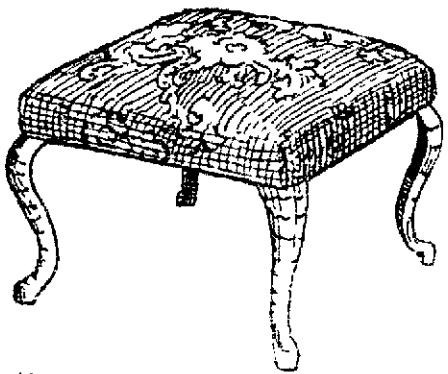
NOTICE:--Children unattended will not be permitted to enter the store or use this key. This is an offer for grown folks only. This is the largest store in Lima. It has a larger Carpet Department, a larger Furniture Department, a larger Stove Department than any two other stores in Lima.

If You Use This Key You Will Say What We Have Said.

There will be 25 of these gifts. A Carpet, a large Rug, one pair Lace Curtains, an Iron Bed, a Rocker, a Bed Spread, and other useful articles absolutely free. This offer is for three days, next

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY.

We will also sell 250 of these Foot Stools at 17 cents.



The Newson-Bond Co.

LARGEST STORE IN LIMA.

We will also sell 100 of these Wilton Rugs at 99c.



LITTLE OF THE ALL SORTS

ch Brings Into Prominence Those Interested in Athletics.

won another victory on the Friday evening when Hamilton school was defeated by a 35 to 21. The Hamilton team in the following account of the points on the same hand had to meet.

Hamilton high school basketball team was defeated by the Piqua Piqua Friday evening. The game was a fast one and under the eyes of the crowd. Hamilton made a very strong showing. The score at the end of the first half was 17 to 11 in favor of Hamilton and the final score was 35 to 21.

The Lima High school basketball team has two games scheduled for this week away from home, one at Marion and one at Columbus. The last named team, Lima has had the pleasure of defeating on the home floor, but it is different when the contest takes place in the land of strangers.

Piqua is glorifying over the winning of the state championship, but the city is wasted so far as achievement goes, as Piqua hasn't played a game this season away from home. Lima has waited patiently for an opportunity to play a return game, but all sorts of useless excuses have been offered by the "at home" five and Lima will have to wait perhaps indefinitely.

Piqua has a record of no games lost for the season, and Lima could say as much if the boys stuck as close to their own "back yard", but challenges have been made and accepted with equal willingness on the part of Lima high, which makes the difference in the percentage. Piqua has Lima, Hamilton and several other teams to defeat on foreign grounds before they have any right to class themselves as champions.

LAST SAD RITES.

The mass of requiem over the mortal remains of Mrs. Nolan was sung at St. Rose church this morning at 7:30 o'clock by Rev. A. E. Manning. The remains were taken to Ft. Wayne at 8:45 for interment.

BONDS

Do Not Command Big Premiums

In This City.

Only Three Bids on Paving Bonds

To be Issued for Cole Street Jameson and Lakewood Avenues.

Two Firms Offer to Take the Paper at Par Value and the Other Bid Offering a Premium was Irregular.

At noon today the city clerk received and opened bids for the proposed issues of bonds for the improvement of Cole street, Lakewood avenue and Jameson avenue, for which improvements bids on brick and asphalt paving were received by the clerk and paving committee last Friday. There were two proposed issues of the improvement bonds, one block of \$62,868.07 four and one half per cent bonds known as the Cole street and Lakewood avenue bonds, and the other issue being \$19,548.84 worth of four and a half per cent Jameson avenue improvement bonds. The result of the advertising of the bonds indicates that city of Lima street improvement paper is about ready to go begging for purchasers.

There were but three bids received. The New First National Bank of Columbus and the State Savings Bank, of Toledo, each submitted a bid, offering to purchase both issues of bonds at par value, and the latter institution demanded a margin of \$250 for the furnishing of the bond forms. The other bidder was Well, Roth & Co., of Cincinnati, which firm offered a premium of \$947 for both issues but the bid is believed to be irregular, the firm having failed to furnish a certified check on a local bank.

The bids will be referred to the finance committee and what recommendation that committee will make to the council in the matter remains to be ascertained.

The paving committee will meet in the engineers' office this evening to prepare a report on the paving bids before the meeting of the city council.

LOVEJOY

Regains Liberty and Returns to This City.

Charles Lovejoy, who was sent to the Ohio penitentiary from this city for criminal assault and whose companion at the time of the assault, John Shugro, was acquitted in court, has been paroled and is again in this city, grateful for his liberty and grateful to those who always believed him to be innocent and who were untiring in their efforts to secure his release.

MART ARMSTRONG POST.

Regular meeting Wednesday night, March 18, with much important business to transact. A genuine attendance of members is requested. By order of commander.

E. F. DAVIS, Adjutant

ST. PATRICK'S

Dance at Finley's academy Tuesday night. Grand march at 9 o'clock. *1-31

ANOTHER

Jail Awaited the Release of Carl Decker.

Carl Decker, a young man of this city, who has just concluded a jail sentence at Lima for petit larceny, has been arrested by the officials of this county, on a warrant charging him with assault and battery. The offense was committed on the person of Ed. Anderson, of this city, several weeks ago. Decker then went to Lima where he was arrested by the Lima officers for an offense committed there—St. Marys News.

Is your tongue coated? Are you nervous and weak? Have you sick headache? Do you blot after eating? Rocky Mountain Tea will positively cure you. 35 cents. For sale by H. F. Vorkamp, corner North and Main streets.

INITIATORY

Meetings Held Yesterday were Successful

And Great Results are Expected from the Efforts

Being Made by the Churches of Lima. Trinity Crowded Last Night and an Overflow Meeting Held.

Major Cole conducted his first services in the city churches yesterday. As a day introductory to a religious campaign it will stand as one of the greatest in the history of the city. The united efforts of pastors and church workers was greatly in evidence when the hundreds crowded the union services. Major Cole began the day with a "precious decision" service in the Calvary and Epworth Sunday schools. He has a love of children and the boys and girls are easily led to give their hearts to Christ. Large numbers in both schools did so in the service.

At 3 p. m. a large congregation of men gathered at the Congregational church "Personal Responsibility," "Get Right With God," "Face to Face with God" were the thoughts running through the discourse. He spoke in that straight forward manner that appealed mightily to thinking men. His style is easy and free with that natural conversational tone that makes his audience feel at home. His appeals are charming and full of love. He has no stereotype form for the Lord to adopt. He submits to the leading of the spirit. At the close of the service a large number of men expressed their sympathy for Christianity and a number gave themselves to Christ. One man said he lived an agnostic, but from this day on he would serve God. Large numbers arose and testified to God's saving grace.

A large congregation greeted him at Grace church at 7 p. m. The largest congregation gathered at Trinity church where hundreds were turned away. The Congregational church was opened and here, Rev. G. W. Anderson preached a stirring sermon. Major Cole addressed the people at Trinity in that mild, loving, but fearless manner on "Co-laboring with

God." His discourses and incidents which came under his observation. With great tenderness he referred to his Christian mother who gave herself for others. He challenged the Christian people for real service. His burden to the unsaved is "Get Right with God." A large number requested the prayers of God's people for unconverted dear ones, and some came on the Lord's side. The music was thrilling. The large chorus under the masterful leadership of Prof. Lull, accompanied by the orchestra, lifted the congregation near to God.

Major Cole will preach every evening and Prof. Lull will sing. Two union services will be held all week, at Grace and Trinity. Major Cole will conduct daily morning services at Calvary Reformed church at 9:30 o'clock. A special invitation to these morning services. Those desiring to hear Major Cole should go early.

See J. L. Barth for wall paper. Masonic building 31-34

VENERABLE

Grattan E. Poage, of German Township, is Dead.

Had Resided Since 1844 on the Farm Where His Death Occurred—Funeral Wednesday.

Grattan E. Poage, one of the venerable pioneers of German township, died at his home, four miles northwest of this city, at 11 o'clock today, death resulting from general debility.

The deceased was born August 12, 1815 and he had resided on the farm where his death occurred today since 1844. He is survived by seven sons and two daughters.

Funeral services will be held at Wesley chapel, Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock (standard time) and the remains will be consigned to a resting place in the Wesley cemetery.

BUGGIES. BUGGIES.

We have the finest line of carriages phaetons, buggies, oil, express and farm wagons in the city. Call and examine our stock. Also harness and sewing machines. We trade for old buggies.

30-31 H. J. Lindesmith & Co. Don't forget to see the new and up-to-date wall paper at J. L. Barth's, in Masonic building. 31-34

The Whitney & Currier Co.

Are showing the fullest and most complete line of good pianos at their salesrooms 211 and 213 west High street, ever brought to Lima. Our business has far exceeded our expectations and contrary to what some people said: "They won't last 60 days." "They are only temporary, etc., etc." We had faith in the people in Lima and believed they would just as soon purchase at home when they wanted a thoroughly high grade piano as to go to Toledo or Cincinnati. We know now that they appreciate the opportunity of purchasing good pianos from reliable dealers right here in Lima. They have found that The Whitney & Currier Co. are here to stay. They know that they are the largest and oldest piano house in northwestern Ohio. The pianos sold by The Whitney & Currier Co. are always the best, for the money, from the Steinway down to the pianos that sell as low as \$145.00. His representation is not not tolerated by this firm. You get good value for every dollar you spend. If you don't have the cash, you can have easy terms. Come in and see the pianos. Hear the famous Piasela. King of all piano players.

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FIVE PERSONS MADE CAPTIVES

By Masked Robbers at the Home of
Mrs. Amanda Reichelderfer.

Outlaws Took Possession of the Farm House,
Ate Supper There and Secured Between
Six and Seven Hundred Dollars
in Money.

A robbery that would have done credit to the once famous and thrifty Wade-Landis gang was committed Saturday night at the home of Mrs. Amanda Reichelderfer, about five and one-half miles south of this city on the Wapakoneta road. A band of six armed and masked men took possession of the house about 8 o'clock in the evening, bound and blindfolded the inmates and ransacking the contents of every room, secured as their booty between six and seven hundred dollars in money, a gold watch and several articles of jewelry of more or less value. The robbers remained in the house from 5 o'clock in the evening until 2 o'clock Saturday morning. They prepared and ate a meal in the kitchen and finally departed leisurely leaving their victims tied up in the house.

Mrs. Reichelderfer is the widow of Jacob Reichelderfer, who was for years, one of the best known and most prosperous farmers in this section of the country. Since his death, Mrs. Reichelderfer has continued to reside at the homestead and her grand-daughter, Miss Blanche Reichelderfer aged 12, has made her home with her, her mother being dead. The farming of the property is done by George Iiams, who, with his wife and their son, occupy a portion of the house. All but the son were at home Saturday evening, when suddenly two doors opening into the house from the outside were thrown open and six masked men entered the rooms three through each door. The four occupants of the house were immediately made captives. The robbers used sheets from the beds in the house to tie up their prisoners. They then Mr. Iiams to a garage on which he was reclining when they entered and one of the gang threatened him with a revolver, cautioning him to make no outcry if he wanted to live. Mrs. Reichelderfer was tied to a bed post and Mrs. Iiams and Blanche Reichelderfer were tied to chairs. All were blindfolded and then the search for money and jewelry began.

LITTLE GIRL

Told the Robbers Where Some of the Money was Hidden.

The twelve year old girl after being tied to a chair was blindfolded by one of the robbers who tied a calico

wait around her head and face. This soon slipped down from over her eyes, however, and she saw one of the gang take possession of a gold watch that her grandmother, Mrs. Reichelderfer, had given her as a Christmas present. She begged the robber not to take the watch, and he promised to return it to her if she would tell where her grandmother's money was hidden. She disclosed the hiding place of some of the money she knew to be in the house and true to his word, the robber handed over her watch which she held in her hands until after the gang had departed.

In a tin box hidden in an old chest the robbers found two hundred dollars in gold that Mrs. Reichelderfer had kept for many years. They also found some money she had drawn from the bank for the purpose of paying for a new barn on the farm. She had intended to pay the money over to a man in Cridersville, Saturday, but was unable to find the man to whom she owed the money, and had taken it home with her. They secured, in all, between \$600 and \$700 in cash, a gold watch belonging to Mrs. Reichelderfer and some rings and other articles of jewelry belonging to the several members of the household.

ZEKE CAME HOME

And Was Captured at the Door and Tied to a Chair.

When the robbers entered the house Mr. Iiams' son, Zeke, was in Cridersville, and after finishing their other work, the robbers awaited his return. He returned home at 11 o'clock and was met at the door and was tied to a chair in the kitchen. He was forced to give up \$11 that he had received as the proceeds from the sale of a buggy. He had intended to use the money to pay for transportation to the southern part of the state where he had the promise of employment.

After disposing of the youth, the robbers prepared and enjoyed a feast on the numerous good things to eat the farm house afforded. They remained at the house until 2 o'clock Sunday morning and then warned the five captives to remain quiet as they intended to visit the home of a family named Ridenour, living in the vicinity. After they had departed the boy managed to work one hand free and after

removing the things that held him, he released the others of the household. Then, as soon as day-light returned the robbery was reported to the marshal at Cridersville, to sheriff Mechling at Wapakoneta and to sheriff Barr and chief of police Mills in this city.

THE ROBBERS

Believed to be Young Men Living in Vicinity of Cridersville.

There are several reasons for belief that the robbers were young men who live in the vicinity of the Reichelderfer home and who were thoroughly familiar with the affairs of the inmates of the Reichelderfer home. They addressed all of the members of the household by their first names and knew of the money that Mrs. Reichelderfer had in the house. Mr. Iiams recently had one of his shoulders injured in an accident and one of the robbers, addressing him as "George," asked him how his shoulder was getting along. After the man had been blindfolded another asked: "Don't you know me George?" Iiams says that the voice sounded familiar but he could not tell who the man was. The little girl saw one man's face when his mask accidentally slipped down from his eyes but she could not recognize him as anyone she had seen before. They seemed to know young Iiams very well and knew of the sale of the buggy.

Several young men living in Cridersville and in the immediate vicinity of the village are under suspicion but no arrests have yet been made.

In addition to the cash that the robbers secured there were several hundred dollars worth of checks and securities in the house but these were not disturbed by the men.

Chief Mills and deputy sheriff M. Summers, Jr., went to Cridersville again today to continue their investigation of the robbery. They had not returned at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

INCREASED

Capital Stock From Twenty
to Sixty Thousand.

Columbus, O., Mar. 16.—The Lima Pork Packing Co. today increased its capital stock from twenty thousand to sixty thousand dollars.

It's never still a minute. Works with all its might. Makes people well and happy. Rocky Mountain Tea taken at night. For sale by H. F. Vorkamp, corner North and Main streets.

The Home Missionary Society of the Trinity M. E. church, will hold an all day work meeting with Mrs. Geo. Taurot of south West street. Wednesday, March 18th. 31-2t

ONCE

More the Case is
Postponed.

It Goes Over

Because of the Illness of
Mr. Ridenour

And in All Likelihood Will
Not be Heard Until
Next Fall.

Howard Williamson Named as Receiver for the Union Oil and Petroleum Co., by Judge Armstrong Today.

There was a body of distinguished oil men in court this morning called together in expectation of the trial of the case of Geo. H. Meily vs. The Franco-American Petroleum Co. The jury was in readiness, the important witnesses present and it looked like a sure thing this time, but a statement from Mr. Halfhill threw cold water on the deal and Judge Cunningham had but one alternative, a continuance as indefinite as the verdict.

The interests of Mr. Meily are in the hands of Ridenour and Halfhill, but the senior member of the firm is confined to his home, threatened with an attack of pneumonia, and is not likely to be ready for business for some time to come.

Mottet & Mackenzie for the defendants, made the statement that the gentlemen interested in the defense were so situated that it might be impossible for them to respond to another assignment of the case next term as their business would call them to Europe, meaning an absence of several months. The judge decided that the proposition might at least go over until the next term.

Mr. Ridenour's illness was made the plea for a continuance, and as there was nothing else to be done under the circumstances the case was continued. Among those present were E. R. Holden, banker and broker of New York, James R. Brown, a member of the Holden firm, D. J. Kelley, manager of the Franco-American Petroleum Co., and C. M. Gilbert, of Philadelphia. The latter was originally named as a defendant in the case, but later filed an answer and cross petition and is associated with Mr. Meily as a plaintiff in the action for damages.

Howard Williamson Named.

Judge Armstrong was on the bench long enough this morning to settle the receivership question in the case of the Iowa stockholders against the Union Oil and Petroleum company, represented by Adkins brothers and others. A list of names was presented to Judge Armstrong at the hearing Saturday, each side having the right to suggest six competent men. Among the six offered by the defendant company was the name of Attorney Howard Williamson and he was chosen by the court to officiate as receiver. According to the agreement entered into by the parties at law, Mr. Williamson will have full and complete charge of the property as well as all the correspondence, books, etc., in the hands of the defendants. He is limited to a certain extent, so far as operation goes, as only such wells as have been commenced can be completed. No new locations can be made or wells drilled with out further orders from the court.

More Reasons than One.

Harry Hart, who married Hattie Hart, at Chicago, Feb. 28 1894, now wants a divorce and mentions as the particular ground, a case of desertion which dates from May 1, 1896. At the time, Mrs. Hart left home and the two haven't lived together since. Adultery is also charged and Geo. Jordan and Walter Kane are named as correspondents. The wife is also accused of being a habitual drunkard.

Real Estate Transfers.

Cordelia Pruitt to Henry W. Loosher, lot 1465, Standford's addition, \$250. John Rigdon to Joseph E. Rigdon, sixteen acres in Marion township, \$350. Calvin C. Geiger to Ethel Jimmerly, lot 372, Bluffton, \$1250. J. W. Van Dyke to Gilbert Hooks, lot number 4601, Van Dykes' Hooks, \$200. E. Matilda Moore to A. Gertrude Tabler, lot 3611, H. A. Moore's addition, \$425.

LIMA LODGE NO. 205, F. & A. M. Stated communication this evening. Work on Master Mason degree. CHAS W. LEWIS, W. M. WALLACE LANDIS, Secy.

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CAUGHT

With the Goods in Her
Possession.

Professional Shoplifter Had Enough
Stolen Property to Start a
Retail Store.

A good catch was made at Van Wert Saturday evening when Detective Wilson of the Cincinnati Northern and officer Baxter, of that town captured a woman whom they charge with being a professional shop lifter. She gave her name as May Fries-

ner, but correspondence found in her possession indicate her real name is Mary Moran. She had in her possession three satchels and four trunks full of goods, consisting of silks, etc. In one satchel the officers found goods from towns in Iowa, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin and Ohio. One roll of bills of American and Canadian paper money, amounting to nearly three hundred dollars, was found in the lining of an old satchel.

All work done by mechanics at J. L. Barth's wall paper store. Masonic building. 31-3t

GOOD COOKING AND EATING
APPLES 50c A BUSHEL AT Z. A. CROSSON & CO. 112 E. MARKET STREET.

CHURCH

Was Packed Full to Overflowing Last Night.

One of the greatest meetings ever held was conducted yesterday at the Wayne street Church of Christ. The Sunday school chorus organized Sunday to lead the singing on Monday nights' is a new feature of the meeting. Mr. Brundige has been having an attack of la grippe and was in bed most of the time Sunday. He is better today and thinks nothing serious will follow. Ordinance of baptism will again follow the evening services. Subject tonight "Faith."

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